

F-1-44
Charles Thomas House
Buckeystown
Private

Circa 1857
Grafton Duvall

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All lintels on the main facade of the building are carved molded panels of guilloche design. A two story brick addition with enclosed two story porch extends to the rear. A brick smokehouse with a large brick chimney is attached to the rear of the house.

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In 1902, Thomas began the brick manufacturing firm of Charles F. Thomas & Son and also held significant large land holdings in the town of Buckeystown. With his partner, William Baker, the two became developers of the town, selling the land and building most of the houses in Buckeystown built between 1890-1910.

Charles F. Thomas was the major entrepreneur of the town and his large fine brick residence symbolized this importance in the town.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Charles Thomas House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Robert Hughes

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 54

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 779

Folio #: 661

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles Thomas House is an imposing two and one-half story gable roofed brick residence laid in common bond which faces east from the west side of Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The main entrance, a colonnaded four panel door with recessed paneling, single side lights and decorative wood lintel is located in the third bay.

Occupying the remaining bays are twelve pane jib windows with large louvered shutters and decorative wood lintels.

Extending across the first level of the house is a five bay wide frame porch with unusual narrow double columned supports with decoratively carved brackets. Triple columns are located in each corner of the flat roofed porch.

Occupying each bay on the second level of the main facade of the building are double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters and decorative lintels. All lintels on the main facade of the building are carved molded panels of guilloche design.

A two story three bay wide brick addition extends to the rear of the building. A two story porch which has been enclosed extends across the south side of the addition. A brick smokehouse with a large brick chimney is attached to the rear of the house.

The structure is covered by a slate gable roof with three stepped brick cornice. Located in the north, south and west gables are whitewashed brick chimneys with unusual decorative brick band on the top of each chimney. The entire residence is built on a low random stone foundation.

The massive size of this brick residence with its highly decorative porch lintels and chimney make the Charles Thomas House one of the most prominent buildings in Buckeystown.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1857

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Grafton Duvall

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles Thomas House is believed to have been built in 1857 by Grafton Duvall soon after he purchased the property from Lewis Kemp, trustee, for \$639.37.¹ Since 1857, the same property was sold for \$2,000.00.²

In 1872, Daniel Baker, guardian of Charles F. Thomas whose parents died while he was young, purchased the house.³ In 1888, Baker sold it to his daughter, Sarah C., who married Charles Thomas in 1873.⁴

Charles F. Thomas was the son of William H. Thomas who farmed the Carroll Manor farm during his lifetime and was killed by "the accident explosion of a shell in a blacksmith's shop in 1864."⁵ After leaving the home of Daniel Baker at the age of 24, Thomas farmed for five years, and then became a merchant in Buckeystown. Later he became general manager for Daniel Baker & Company which was changed to Standard Lime and Stone Company.

In 1902, Thomas began the brick manufacturing firm of Charles F. Thomas & Son and also held significant large land holdings in the town of Buckeystown.⁶ With his partner, William Baker, the two became developers of the town, selling the land and building most of the houses in Buckeystown built between 1890-1910.

Thomas also donated the land and much of his services for the construction of the Buckeystown Methodist Church, built in 1896, and still standing in town.

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¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber ES7; Folio 702.

²Ibid., Liber ES10; Folio 619.

³Ibid., Liber CM 9; Folio 167.

⁴Ibid., Liber WIP 6; Folio 283.

⁵T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County.

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⁶Ibid.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

clh

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

12/6/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

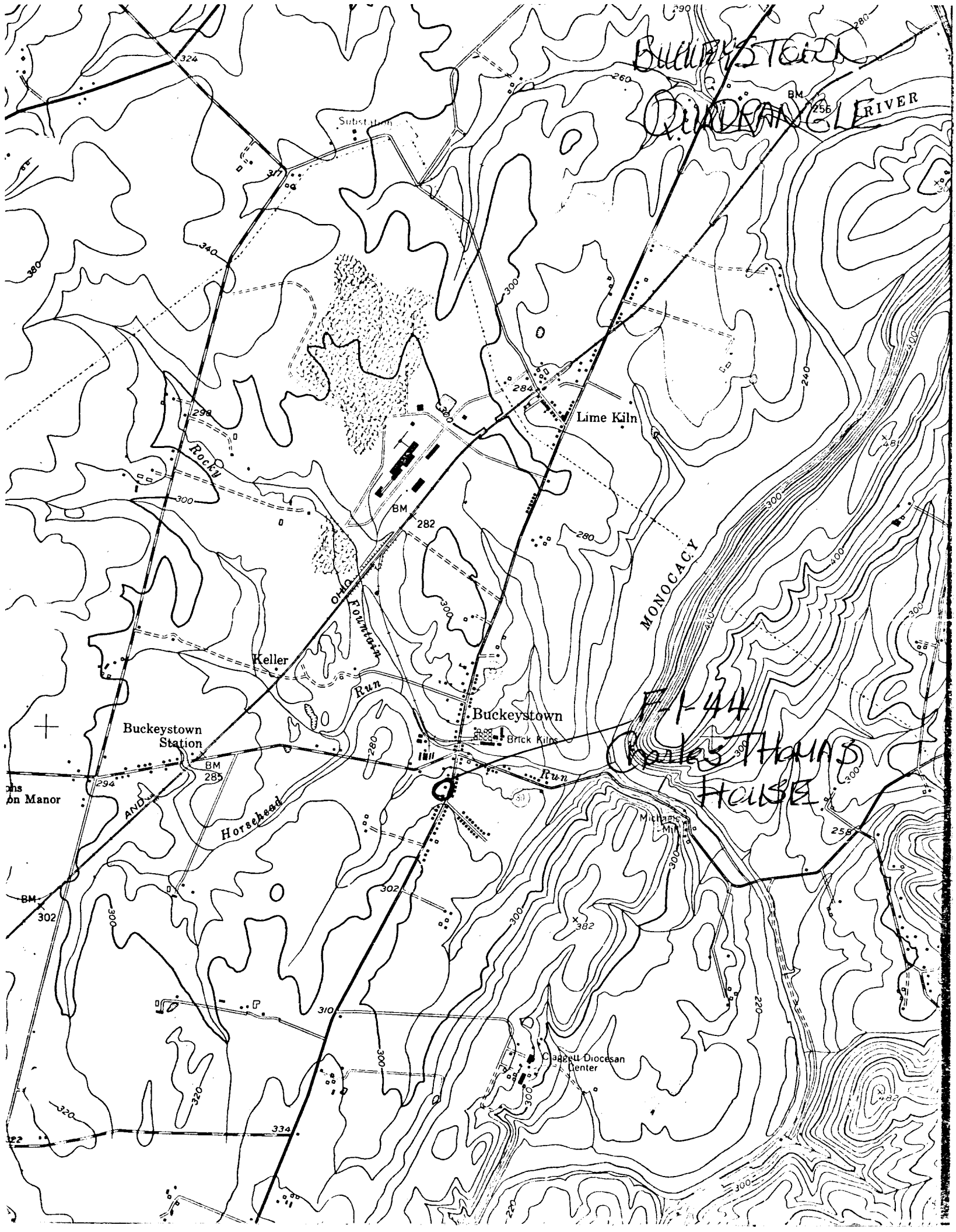
Frederick

Maryland 21701

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438





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Charles F. Thomas HSE

W/S Rte 85

BUCKEYSTOWN

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

CEN 3/79



R-44 Charles F. Thomas House
W/s Rte 85 BUCKEYSTOWN
NORTHEAST ELEVATION

CEW 7/78